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THE CATALYTIC OXIDATION OF AROMATIC HYDROCARBONS TO
POLYCARBOXYLIC AROMATIC ACIDS**New York, NY 10036
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Discloses process for the preparation of o-Phthalic Acid.

US 5,980,696

Discloses dehydration of acetic acid by azeotropic
distillation in the production of an aromatic acid.

GB 786 930

Discloses a process for preparing Phthalic Acids by
oxidation of dialkyl benzenes.

US 3,402,184

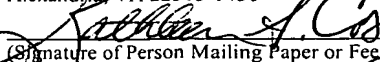
Discloses process of aromatic hydrocarbon oxidation.

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